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**ELEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MON-MINISTERSTWO OBRONY NARODOWEJ)**

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**Summary :** This report gives [redacted] incomplete and imprecise data on elements of the Polish National Defense Ministry [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
It includes a short discussion of the two principal components of MON [redacted] the General Staff and the Chief Political Administration. It enumerates 12 alleged General Staff Bureaus and nine other MON departments, allegedly separate from but subordinate to the General Staff, seven components of the Chief Political Administration of MON and generalizes on the command relationships between the General Staff and the three Military Districts and [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] the Headquarters commands, i.e., Navy, Air Force and Anti-aircraft, and Artillery. It also indicates certain logistic and training connections between MON and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. 50X1-HUM

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Introduction

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This report gives the rather sketchy and imprecise information concerning the elements of the Polish General Staff and very briefly outlines some details of the Chief Political Administration of the Armed Forces.

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These two elements were major subdivisions of the Ministry of National Defense (MON Ministerstwo Obrony Narodowej)

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## A. MISCELLANEOUS INCOMPLETE MON ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

The ministry of National Defense was organized in 1945, with Gen ROLA-ZYMIERSKI (fmu) as Minister of National Defense. Sometime later (year unknown), Marshall Konstanty ROKOSSOWSKI was designated Minister.

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two main divisions of MON directly subordinate to it, were the General Staff and the Chief Political Administration. These divisions were on the same staff level under MON in their particular fields: the General Staff for line-military matters and the Chief Political Administration for politico-military matters.

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## B. ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL STAFF (See Annexes A and A-1)

## 1. Composition of the General Staff

## a. Bureaus

the General Staff was composed of 12 separate bureaus, within this bureau structure the following other bureaus also existed

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- (1) Tactics and Training-(Taktyka i Wyszkolenie)
- (2) Political-(Polityka)

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(3) Rear Services (Quartermaster) - (Sluzba Tylu - (Kwatermistrzostwo))

(4) Armament for all the Armed Forces (ground, navy, etc.) -  
 (Uzbrojenie dla wszystkich sil wojskowych (ladowych,  
 marynarki, itd.))<sup>3</sup>

## b. Departments or Services

The following nine departments or services [redacted] were  
 a part of MON but took guidance from or were answerable, operation-  
 ally, to the specific bureaus which composed the General Staff:

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- (1) Department of Armament
- (2) Department of Finance
- (3) Department of Cadre
- (4) Department of Rear Services (Quartermaster)
- (5) Department of Transportation
- (6) Department of Security for MON Central Institutions
- (7) Military Graphic Institute
- (8) Medical Services
- (9) Engineer Service

[redacted] there were still other MON departments or  
 services which were operationally subordinate to the General Staff,

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2. Incomplete Concept of the Functions of the General Staff

[redacted] the responsibility of the General Staff was to  
 control for MON the activities of all the armed forces, with the exception  
 of the Security Forces.

One of the principal functions of the General Staff was to make decisions  
 and recommendations, based upon plans drawn up by various technical ser-  
 vices, as to the type and number of tanks, ships, plains, etc., which were  
 to be produced, and to allocate funds for these items. In addition, the  
 General Staff maintained unknown secret war plans for the activation of  
 certain specified units. The designation of these wartime units was con-  
 sidered classified information [redacted]

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b. Industrial or 12th Bureau (Przemysl)

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The principal function of the Industrial Bureau [redacted] was to supervise the activities of the various departments of MON as regards the production of armament, equipment, etc., for the armed forces. It controlled the quality and quantity of all items and determined whether or not production was according to specifications [redacted]

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[redacted] It did not concern itself with units on a lower level but was interested only in the individual Military District Headquarters, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the Headquarters of the Air Force and Air Defense, the Navy and the Artillery Commands as separate entities.

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3. The MON Department of Armament 1.

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[redacted] The responsibility of the MON Department of Armament was the supplying of all the armed forces (including the Security Forces) with arms and ammunition. This department concerned itself with the production, storage, replacement, transfer, maintenance and salvage of all arms and ammunition, including the allocation of this type of material received from the USSR and other satellite countries.

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## C. MAJOR COMMANDS SUBORDINATE TO THE GENERAL STAFF

1. General Information

[redacted] there were seven major entities or commands which were operationally subordinate to the General Staff. [redacted] each of these major commands, which were the WARSAW, Pomeranian and Silesian Military Districts, the Air

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force and Air Defense Command, the Navy Command and the Artillery Command, could contact directly the specific department or service under the General Staff on matters concerning that department.

[redacted] each Military District as presently organized had 50X1-HUM  
under its control an unknown number of existing corps and [redacted]  
certain inactive corps to be activated in the event of emergency. [redacted]  
[redacted] During wartime, the Military Districts as they were set up would cease to exist [redacted]  
and would assume the role of an Army Headquarters.

[redacted] the MON Department of Armament supplied armament items 50X1-HUM  
only to the Military Districts and the four Headquarters Commands. [redacted]  
[redacted] this was done for reasons of security (that is, in order to keep 50X1-HUM  
secret the war plans and the activation of inactive units).

2. Air Force and Air Defense Command

In April 1955, [redacted] the Headquarters of the Air Force 50X1-HUM  
Command was reorganized and was combined with the Headquarters of the  
Antiaircraft Artillery Command under the new title "Headquarters Air  
Force and Air Defense Command" ("Dowodstwo Wojsk Lotniczych i Obrony  
Przeciw-lotniczej Obszaru Krajowego"). Prior to the consolidation, the  
two organizations were independent of each other. However, the uniforms  
worn by Anti-Aircraft personnel, both prior to and after the consolidation,  
were similar to those worn by Air Force personnel (green uniform with  
blue cap band), the only distinction being that pilots of the Air Force  
wore pilot's wings (lotnicze skrzydla).

[redacted] the reason the two organizations were allegedly 50X1-HUM  
combined was because the air defense mission of the antiaircraft units  
and Air Force units was relatively the same, i.e., air defense of  
Poland.

[redacted] prior to April 1955, the orders that were read to the 50X1-HUM  
cadets in the Jan KRASICKI Air Force Officers' (Flying) School of DEBLIN  
were signed by the Air Force Command. After April 1955, during a pro-  
motion of officers, the order which was read was signed by the new Command,  
headed by Lt Gen Jan TURKIEL, allegedly a Soviet officer. The Command  
was located in WARSAW.

3. Navy Command

[redacted] the Headquarters of the Navy Command were located in 50X1-HUM  
GDANSK and [redacted] the Commanding Officer was STODZINSKI (fmu) [redacted]

4. Artillery Command

[redacted] the Artillery had its own Headquarters Command in 50X1-HUM  
WARSAW, headed by Lt Gen MICHALKIN (fmu) of Soviet origin. [redacted]

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[redacted] the reason for the organization of the Artillery Command was that Soviet tactics were based on the principle of massed fire and, therefore, with the preponderance of artillery in the Polish armed forces, this organization required its own separate Command. No Further information.

#### D. RELATIONSHIP OF MON AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS <sup>10</sup>.

As of February 1956 [redacted] the name of the Ministry of Public Security (Ministerstwo Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego) was changed to Ministry of Internal Affairs (Ministerstwo Spraw Wewnetrznych). The Security Forces of the country came under the Ministry of Internal Affairs for tactical employment. However, these Security Forces, which included the KBW (Korpus Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego - Internal Security Corps) and the WOP (Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza - Border Security Guards) were supplied with weapons, equipment, clothing, etc., by the Ministry of National Defense.

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[redacted] the General Staff of the Ministry of National Defense was charged with the responsibility of training these Security Forces. The only exception to this were the WOP naval units which were attached (or assigned) [redacted] to the Navy Command with headquarters in GDANSK. [redacted] these latter units were subordinated to MON through the Navy Command.<sup>11</sup>

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#### E. ORGANIZATION OF THE CHIEF POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION <sup>12</sup>

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[redacted] the Chief Political Administration was commanded by Brig Gen WITASZEWSKI (fmu) and consisted of seven departments overseeing the political aspects of the following:

MON Central Institutions (Centralne Instytucje MON)

WARSAW Military District

Pomeranian Military District

Silesian Military District

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Navy

Air Force and Air Defense

Artillery

1.

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3.

Comment: This is not to be confused with the MON Department of Armament which was on a lower level.

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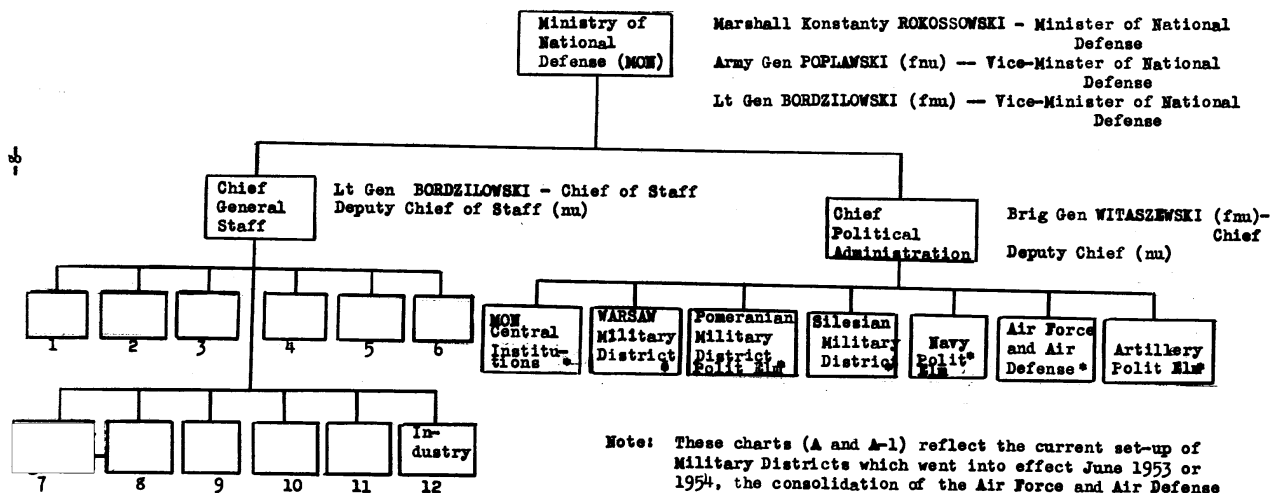
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**Comment:** It can probably be assumed that the Ministry of National Defense furnished logistical support to the WOP Naval Units through the Headquarters Navy Command, and that tactical control of these units was administered by the Navy Command.

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## Annex A

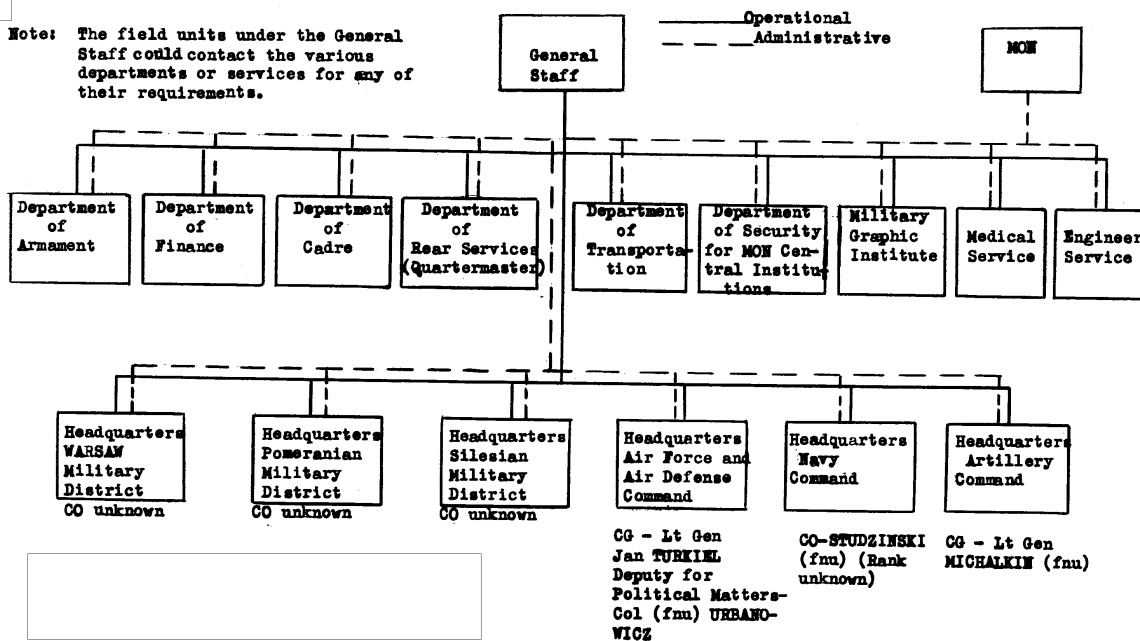
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Incomplete Concept of Relationship of General Staff to Separate Departments  
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Note: The field units under the General Staff could contact the various departments or services for any of their requirements.



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Annex A and Annex A1Legend:

Ministry of National Defense - Ministerstwo Obrony Narodowej (MON)

General Staff - Sztab Generalny

Counter-Intelligence - Informacja

Industry - Przemysl

Chief Political Administration - Główny Zarząd Polityczny

MON Central Institutions - Instytucje Centralne MON

Warsaw Military District - Warszawski Okręg Wojskowy

Pomeranian Military District - Pomorski Okręg Wojskowy

Silesian Military District - Śląski Okręg Wojskowy

Navy - Marynarka Wojenna

Air Force and Air Defense - Wojska Lotnicze i Obrona Przeciw-Lotnicza Obszaru  
Krajowego

Artillery - Artyleria

Department of Armament - Departament Usbrojenia

Department of Finance - Departament Finansów

Department of Cadre - Departament Kadrowy

Department of Rear Services (Quartermaster)-Departament Służby Tyłnej  
(Kwatermistrzostwo)

Department of Transportation - Departament Transportacji

Department of Security for MON Central Institutions - Departament Ochrony I.C. MON

Military Graphic Institute - Wojskowy Instytut Graficzny

Medical Service - Służba Zdrowia

Engineer Service - Służba Inżynieryjno-Saperska

Ministry of Internal Affairs - Ministerstwo Spraw Wewnętrznych

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